

In re application of UNIVERSITY OF UTAH et al.

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ACCUMULATION OF EXCESS EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX

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Please add new claims 52-55 as follows:

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--52. (New) A method for treating a condition associated with the excess accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue and/or organ or at a wound site by reducing the accumulation of extracellular matrix in the tissue and/or organ or at the wound site comprising administering at least one agent that degrades excess accumulated extracellular matrix.

--53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said agent is a protease. —

--54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein said protease is plasmin.—

--55. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising the step of administering an agent or combination of agents that inhibit TGF $\beta$  activity and/or production.

#### REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims and the new claims are supported throughout the present specification, for example on page 10, lines 5-10, pages 19-20 and the original claims as filed. No new matter is added by the amendments or the new claims. Exhibit 1 includes the pending claims with the amendments indicated above.